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"one who combines with others in a partnership enterprise becomes bound for the payment of the partnership debts. * * * In certain circumstances it [the partnership] may become subject to the exercise of the powers of a court of bankruptcy, where its resources will be gathered in to satisfy the claims of creditors. One of those resources is the liability of the partner, for which his individual property stands charged. * * * These consequences of partnership are not derived from the bankrupt act, but from the general law; and a partner is not relieved from them by his exemption from an adjudication of bankruptcy." In in re Stokes, 106 Fed. 312, it was distinctly held that the assignee of one of the partners could be compelled to turn over the individual property of that partner to the trustee in bankruptcy of the partnership, notwithstanding the fact that such partner had not been adjudicated a bankrupt.

BILLS AND NOTES—LIABILITY OF INDORSER OF NON-NEGOTIABLE NOTE.—Several teachers executed their non-negotiable promissory notes payable to one Sharpe, therein authorizing the county superintendent to deduct the amount of said notes from their salaries. The notes were indorsed by the superintendent and subsequently purchased by the plaintiff for a valuable consideration. The original considerations for the several notes having failed, action was brought against the superintendent as indorser. Held, that the indorser of a non-negotiable note is liable to the indorsee to the same extent as the indorser of a negotiable note. Bank of Luverne v. Sharpe (1907), — Ala. —, 44 So. Rep. 871.

In a majority of states the indorsement or assignment of a non-negotiable instrument is merely a transfer of its legal and equitable title, and carries with it no guaranty, Kendall v. Parker, 103 Cal. 319; Story v. Lamb, 52 Mich. 525; Shaffstall v. McDaniel, 152 Pa. St. 598; Wilson v. Mullen, 3 McCord (S. C.) 236; Whiteman v. Childress, 6 Humph. (Tenn.) 303; unless an intention to guarantee the payment may be inferred, First National Bank of San Diego v. Falkenhan, 94 Cal. 141; or an express promise to be responsible for its payment is given. Shaffstall v. McDaniel, supra; Wilson v. Mullen, supra. In other states the liability of the assignor is analogous to that of an irregular indorser of a negotiable instrument. Prentiss v. Danielson, 5 Conn. 175; Sweetser v. French, 13 Met. (Mass.) 262. In New York the assignment is a direct and positive undertaking on the part of the indorser. Cromwell v. Hewitt, 40 N. Y. 491. In Ohio it is a collateral undertaking, and payment must be demanded and notice given as upon negotiable paper. Parker v. Riddle, 11 Ohio 103. In many states the subject is regulated by statute. National Bank v. Leonard, 91 Ga. 805; Wilson v. Ralph, 3 Iowa 450; Samstag v. Conley, 64 Mo. 476.

BILLS AND NOTES—LIABILITY OF IRREGULAR INDORSER.—A promissory note was indorsed by the defendants before its delivery to the plaintiff by the maker. The maker having failed to pay the note, this suit was brought without notice to the defendants of its non-payment. *Held*, under 95 Ohio Laws 162, that a person so placing his name on the back of the paper by blank in-

dorsement is an indorser, and cannot be held in any other capacity. As such he is entitled, in order to render him liable, to notice of demand upon those who are primarily liable. Rockfield et al. v. First National Bank of Springfield (1907), — Ohio St. —, 83 N. E. Rep. 392.

The rule as recognized in Ohio prior to the passage of the Negotiable Intruments Act was that a person indorsing under such circumstances assumed the position of a surety, unless a different understanding between the parties was shown. *Ewan* v. *Brooks-Waterfield Co.*, 55 Ohio St. 596, 45 N. E. Rep. 1094, 35 L. R. A. 786, 60 Am. St. Rep. 719. For an extended discussion of this subject see 5 MICH. LAW REV. 189.

Carriers—Wrongful. Treatment of Passengers—Damages for Mental Suffering.—Plaintiff with her mother had charge of a helpless invalid sister while traveling on defendant's railway. Because of the failure of the conductor to keep his promise to assist them in leaving the car, they remained after the other passengers had left and were taken in the car to defendant's yards, where they suffered some inconvenience and delay in getting a carriage, were late in reaching a hotel and plaintiff suffered from the cold. Held, plaintiff is entitled to recover for her physical and mental suffering and for her mental suffering on account of the wrongful treatment of her sister, Gulf, C. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. Overton (1908), — Tex. Civ. App. —, 107 S. W. Rep. 71.

The mother had recovered damages under similar allegations in G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co. v. Coopwood, 96 S. W. 102, and the court holds itself concluded by that case, though Fisher, C.J., states that otherwise he would be inclined to the opinion that there could be no recovery for mental suffering based upon the facts submitted by the charge of the court. The rule as followed by the courts of Texas is that mental anguish is an element of damage when occasioned by breach of contract where the carrier had knowledge of the facts from which mental anguish would naturally follow, that mental anguish in case of tort is not an element of damage unless accompanied by some bodily injury, Hutchinson on Carriers, 3d Ed., § 1427 n; Ry. Co. v. Sammon, — Tex. Civ. App. —, 79 S. W. 854; Ry. Co. v. Anchonda, Tex. Civ. App. 68 S. W. 743. Plaintiff in the principal case apparently brings her action in tort basing it upon the negligence of defendant's servants, but alleges no bodily injury at all and no physical suffering until she had left the car and yards of defendant. To support recovery, it is held the jury "could assume the existence of physical suffering from the facts testified to." Probably a majority of cases hold that if the circumstances show that through the carrier's neglect, the passenger has been subjected to abuse, insult or malicious treatment, any consequent mental pain or suffering, endured, is a proper element to consider in estimating compensatory damages. Curtis v. The Railway Co., 87 Iowa 622, 54 N. W. 339; Railway Co. v. Biddle, 17 Ky. Law Rep. 1363, 34 S. W. 904, Railway Co. v. Kaiser, 82 Tex. 144, 18 S. W. 305. But where no insult, abuse or malice is alleged and physical injury, if any, must be assumed by the jury, it is apparently a departure in the law of tort, to allow recovery for mental suffering in an action against a carrier of passengers.